

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-14, 18-19, 21-24, 26, 29-30, 33, 48, 54-69, and 70 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 20, 25, and 31-32 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 2, 18, 19, 26, 33, 48, 56, and 64-67 have been amended. Claim 70 is new. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-2, 4-14, 18-19, 21-24, 26, 29-30, 33, 48, 54-69, and 70 are Allowable

The Office has indicated that claims 20 and 25 would be allowable if written in independent form, including the subject matter of the base claims and intervening claims. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 18, 26, 33, and 48 have been amended based on the subject matter indicated to be allowable. Hence, claims 1, 18, 26, 33, and 48 are allowable. Claims 2, 4-14, 19, 21-24, 29-30, and 54-69 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from an allowable claim. New claim 70 is also based on the subject matter indicated to be allowable. Hence, claim 70 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

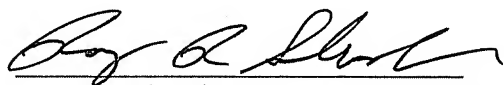
Any changes to the claims in this response, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the cited art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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